And Plays Poker Extremely Joe." Well in Old Man Greenlaw's Back Room.

By DAVID A. CURTIS.

Strangers had frequently walked into old man Greenlaw's little saloon in Arkansas City before this incident occurred. During the years that he sternly brandishing his bungstarter of amphasizing his companied by a continuous and that require training by a continuous and that require training by a continuous and that require training by a

"Well, mebbe they ain't none." said old man Greenlaw, still grinning good naturedly. "Leastways t'ain't wuth no

mutht be. I never theen no plathe the close attention to his actions. ith an' that'th what everybody thayth

"Yo' all 'd ought fo' to git a town built stances dictated, so that after a little special," he said with withering sarcasm. "I reckon yo'd git stone bruised bein' the Good Book says they is paved ception of Blaisdell he was the only with gold."

"They wouldn't nobody f'm Arkan-thaw Thity git no thone bruitheth," Realizing that such a condition as this was intolerable, Mr. Blaisdell careretorted the stranger. "Not on their fully prepared for a killing the next feet, they wouldn't. They'd thtake out time the deal came to him. Nobody claimth an' thet on 'em, an' blatht had ever detected Mr. Blaisdell in the gold outen 'em."

po' 'pinion o' we uns," said Jim Blais- ing were at times such as to suggest that he can help the no trumper by kill-dell, as if deeply hurt. "Mebbe if yo' the thought that perhaps he had done ing some of A's secondary honors. Now it is up to A and B to defend themselves, different." The semi-apologetic tone in which he spoke was recognized by his hand, and bet out boldly. Winterbotfriends as a hollow pretence, but the tom trailed and Pearsall raised. The same. stranger was misled. He seemed to others dropped and the stranger reddouble. Here is the defence to the Pattor be a person who spoke bluntly him- raised. Again Winterbottom trailed double: self and expected others to do so.

'I wa'n't lookin' fo to git acquainted when I come," he said. "All I wanted thought, but after a little hesitation wath fo' to git a twain fo' Little Wock. he went back with all his remaining

'That's c'reck." said Joe Bassett. "but if vo' all is anyways into a hurry yo' c'd be rode part way onto a rail." the others stared at him in surprise.

But they saw that it was clear when start. after a pause, in which no one replied to him, he continued. 'Widin' a wail itsn't no gweat en-

forment, but it 'd be thum thatithfac-tion fo' to git away f'm Arkanthaw entered the room brandishing his Thity if a man wath to be tooken fur The desperate earnestness he showed

was amusing to Jake Wnterbottom, and he began to laugh.

"They wouldn't be no fun manhandlin' a critter like that, Joe." he said. "but they ain't no use wastin' of him. Mebbe yo' mought git him to sing. I reckon that'd be right pleasant."

"I'd rather see him dance." said ferent directions, one of them catch-Bassett grimly, and pulling a gun from his pocket he pointed it at the stranger's feet. "Dance," he said sternly.

"All wight," said the stranger, be-

height, and the third time he went up in the air he swung the right one so deftly and with so vigorous a kick that Mr. Bassett's gun went crashing through the window. Then he sat that was just leaving Arkenses City.

Mr. Bassett was displeased and all the more so because the others in the saloon, with the exception of old man Greenlaw, seemed to be highly de-lighted. They laughed and even ap-

plauded the stranger.

"He sho' is one good little dancer,"
said Pearsall. "Drinks is on yo' all. But Bassett was not minded to put up the drinks at that moment. In-

stead, he reached out with his good right hand and picked the stranger up out of his chair by the neck and swung him around in the air. In an-

was surprisingly stalwart. As to his originated.

been evidence.

As the game went on this respect grew. There had been strangers before him who had proved to be excelconsequences. Strangers often were like that soon after they came. But the old man had delusions. He they came any who could be classed as his successful. rior. Instinctively he seemed to sense was an impatient man.

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it cannot be averred positively that he ever did it, but the results of his deal-

and Pearsall raised.

Then the stranger found food for Pearth like they ain't none fo' two chips, and the same play followed again, Pearsall producing real money in addition to all his remaining chips. The stranger then pulled out his

wad and laid it all in the pot. Seeing "How fur?" asked the stranger, and that the end had come Winterbottom dropped and Pearsall called. There was much more money on the table tion was not altogether clear to him. than the stranger had invested at the

Grabbing it all with a lightninglike motion, the stranger jammed it in his pocket, taking no heed of the chips, bungstarter, and the players all rose to their feet.

vehemence and precision of a piston rod, the stranger drove it into Pear-Here is another example: sall's chest in such fashion as to send him reeling backward against the old man so forcibly as to send them both

crashing to the floor.

Then his two fists shot out in difginning to cavort nimbly.

Twice his feet rose to surprising height, and the third time he went up again and raised his arm as if to fire, in the air he aways the right are

AT ROYAL AUCTION

One Trick Double and the Redouble Appear to Be in the Game to Stay.

The hith Arkanthaw Thity?"

"Well it mought be called that," said the old man, a little doubfully, "but I move heer'd it afo. Mostly we unscalls it Arkansas City."

"That'th what I thaid," said the stranger double and the old man emphatically. "You thaid Arkanthaw Thity."

"No, I'm be dawggoned if it is," said the old man emphatically. "You thaid Arkanthaw Thity."

Then he paused, perceiving that in mis excitement he had mimicked the man more faithfully than he had ingers were far more precise in more faithfully than he had infigers were far more precise in more faithfully than he folks. The far faithfully than h

was surprisingly statwart.

Joubling no trumpers was invented by Major C. L. Patton, president of the been evidence.

It was plain that he was one who It was plain that he was one who regiment. But s'posin' 'tis Arkansas might have to be reckoned with. A certain respect for the potentiality that his appearance indicated was shown in muth," said the stranger contemptuously. "On'y I weekoned it muth be. I never theen no plathe muth be. I never theen no plathe muth be. I never theen no plathe muth be. I never the no plathe muth be. I never the no plathe muth be actions."

It was plain that he was one with head's Conventions." The redoubles are the defences to these attacks. The optorularity for their use can probably be best explained by one or two examples from Mr. Shepard's book:

on that suit which lost the game.

stop until he hits the winning combina-

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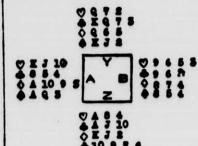
a trick to the spade king at the end, so that the contract was set for one trick, giving Y-Z a balance of 12 points

and his partner has the winners in clubs. No one knows what he has in hearts. He can go back to clubs if the hearts

vantage of the free double, as four odd would be game if they made it. Z

He declines to

of study.



passes B will bid a suit, as it is obviou that he cannot support a no trumper if Y has all those high cards and A can all those high cards and A can diamonds, showing a very long established suit without a reentry. B anticipated the take out by Z and asked he will have to bid three clubs, which is retreating to a minor suit.

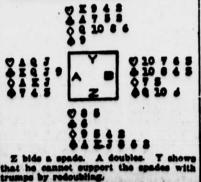
To avoid this Y redoubles, to show

This is the defence to the Patton

Z bids a spade. A doubles. Y is so weak in spades that if he passes the opponents will probably defeat the contract, and Z will have no place to jump do not suit him.

When Y went to four diamonds, B went to four hearts and Z took ado their feet.

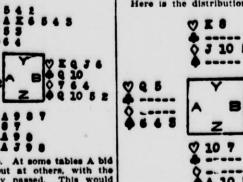
Working his right elbow with the strong elsewhere. Y redoubles for pre-

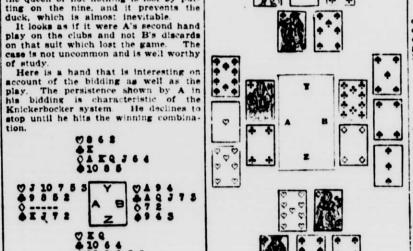


the dealer is left to pray the redoubled declaration and makes nothing but the odd trick he goes game on the hand. It is up to A and B to pull themselves out. PROBLEMS FOR 'SUN READERS TO SOLVE It is also clear that there is no other declaration that could so clearly indicate the character of Y's hand as the re-

The influence that these redoubles have upon the subsequent bids, and especially on the play of the hand, is another mat-Interesting Bridge and Checkter, which must be left for a future article. ers Situations-The Magic Some correspondents have been good Year Square.

enough to send to THE SUN further in-teresting examples of the subject dis-cussed in these articles a few weeks ago: Bridge problem No. 390, which was one of the early attempts to get away from the cross ruff solution and to con-fine the player's attention of choosing oing game on the hand. Here is a hand on which the declarer went game at one table only, and it is still a question just how much he was helped by the opponents' discards, al-though he insists that these discards the right suit in which to lose a trick. In order to prevent losing tricks in an-





through the tenace in spades, dummy playing small, as Y did not care what A led next. A led the club, Y trumped and drew two rounds of trumps and monds, five four three of spades; no well as of cards.

Z has the nine of hearts, queen of diaprocessor and drew two rounds of trumps and monds, king nine six of spades; no clubs, with the following the least of the spades of the spades of personal flugging monds. then a heart, but was obliged to lose monds, king nine six of spades; no clubs.

the A and B end of this name. Z and A not stop bidding so soon. Z and A it to start with and that it could be passed. Y bid the two diamonds and solved in five moves.

Black. White. 3— 7 12—16 20-27

would be game if they made it. Z could not see how A was going to make four odd, but he did.

A trumped the first diamond, dropped the king of clubs and led two rounds.

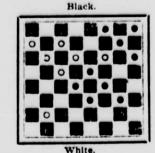
White men on 23 and 32; kings on 4 and 26. The composer is Melford Wolcott. In the published solution, which is the author's, the first five moves are devoted to crowning the black men on 25 and driving the white king into 31. Sev-eral suggest that this might have been ellminated by the simple process of mak-ing the man on 25 a king in the first

place.

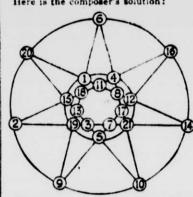
Another improvement suggested was that instead of giving white a choice of captures at the end by playing 22—26, which led to a long demonstration that the man on 28 could not escape, the whole thing might have been settled in one move by playing 22—18.

Here is a curious illustration of the possibilities of the game, which shows that there are more ways of killing a going on here in the East at the mo-

that there are more ways of killing a cockroach than choking it with a brick. PROBLEM NO. 392. CHECKERS.



472	482	478	484
477	485	471	483
480	474	486	476
487	475	481	473



W. S. L. says: Z bids three clubs A doubles and Y bids two no trumps. Before any one notices that this is not enough B doubles the two no trumps. A insists that it is three that is doubled, as two was not enough.

Poker G. R. P. asks what is wrong with the following demonstration that there are 24 ways to improve four cards of an interior straight flush. The chances of getting a flush of some kind are 9 in 47. A straight, 4 in 47. A straight flush, 1 in 47. A pair, 12 in 47. The books say it is 4 to 1 against any improvement.

Some of these chances are duplicated.

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COUN with the following demonstration that there are 24 ways to improve four cards trick, giving Y-Z a balance of 12 points
plus with their nine honors.

When the Knickerbocker pair held
the A and B end of this hand they did
not stop bidding so soon. Z and A
passed, Y bid the two discounts of the start with and that it to start with and that it. of an interior straight flush. The chances

B the three clubs just the same, but when Z supported the diamonds A went to three hearts instead of to four clubs. He can trump the diamonds with the hearts just as well as with the clubs, and his partner has the winners in clubs.

Some of these chances are duplicated. If there are 9 out of the 47 unknown 2 and 10; kings on 27 and 29. White men on 8, 23 and 24; kings on 3 and 12. White to play and win. Here are the moves that solve;

White to play and win. Here are the four ways of getting a straight, one COUNTERCENTRE GAMBIT.

Countercentre of the straight flush one of those 9 must be the straight flush. Also out of the four ways of getting a straight, one must be the straight flush. But this leaves 24 chances in 47 for improvement of some kind, so that the books are probably referring only to the two chances of improvement that would be worth anything, the flush and the straight flush, disregarding a small pair.

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could not see how A was going to make four odd, but he did.

A trumped the first diamond, dropped the king of clubs and led two rounds of trumps at once. Z ruffed his partner with another club, saving his eight of trumps, and Y led another diamond, which A trumped.

Now comes the play that wins the game. Instead of making all his clubs. A led only one round and then came through with the spade for a finesse. The jack held and another club put dummy in to come through again. The spade time and the long trump won the spade time and the long trump won the spade time and the long trump won the spade.

Four by cards and simple honors, with spade sims and the long trump won the game.

Four by cards and simple honors, with a game in hand, is worth 145 points, counting the game at 100 only, which is now the rule. This is just 125 better than stopping the bidding when the oppenents get to four diamonds. With the double the actual score was \$2 more, but that was not A's deing.

Spade sims and the long trump won the game and the readiness with which they can pick out a variation that the composer himself has overlooked.

Several interesting letters have come to hand with regard to No. 285, showing a keen appreciation of the points that go to make a perfect problem. For the choice, he must get in his first bid go to make a perfect problem. For the choice, he must get in his first bid the choice, he must get in his first bid the choice, he must get in his first bid the choice, he must get in his first bid the choice, he must get in his first bid the choice, he may never get the second.

It is an exceptional hand, requiring exting the counting the same on 19, 20 and 25; king on 11.

LOVER AND STUDENT

going on here in the East at the mo-Secretary During the version the limits of the control of the version of the vers ment the attention of chess players throughout the country will be directed to Chicago, where the annual champion-

Both of these experts, who recently contested a set match at Lexington and Georgetown, which resulted in favor of Showalter, will be in the ring again, and their progress in the competition will be watched with the keenest interest by their respective followers. An element of additional uncertainty will be furnished by the participation of Edward Lasker, champion of the Metropolitan Chess League of this city, who, since his residence in the West, has acquired also the championship of Chicago in a tournament arranged by the Kenwood Chess Club.

It goes without saying that Lasker will be a strong contender for the honors, and, as he is in very good fighting trim, many pick him as the favorite. It will be recalled that Lasker, who came here from England after the outbreak of the war, at that time held the championship of Chi-cago in a tournament arranged by the Conn.; Benjamis Zucker, N. w. w. york city; E. Walcot, New York city; W. Y.; James Roberts, Philadelphia, Pa. Solutions to Problems Nos. 688 and 689 received from Prof. Norman L. Perry Problems Nos. 688 and 689 received from Prof. Norman L. Perry Problems Nos. 688 and 689 received from Prof. Norman L. Perry Problem No. 689 and 689 received from Prof. Norman L. Perry Problem No. 689 and 689 received from Prof. Norman L. Perry Problems Nos. 689 and 689 received from Prof. Norman L. Perry Problem No. 689 and 689 received from Prof. Norman L. Perry Problem No. 689 and 689 received from Prof. Norman L. Perry Problem No. 689 and 689 received from Prof. Norman L. Perry Problem No. 689 and 689 received from Prof. Norman L. Perry Problem No. 689 and 689 received from Prof. Norman L. Perry Problem No. 689 and 689 received from Prof. No

war, at that time held the championship of the City of London Chess Club. It is a coincidence that he should have won each of the three championship tournaments in question by a margin of haif a point. Last year there were only eleven entries in the championship tournament, but it is expected that there will be a considerably larger number.

dence in the ability of this genial young expert, whose chess talents are a New York product pure and simple, to back him up to \$500 against any player in the United States, barring only Capablanca and Marshall. When the matter was broached to him by one of his mutually agreed upon, provided that the match should take place in this city, in-The constant of all the rows is 66 and of all three circles is 77, using the series his business long enough to engage in spaces. In many places they still insist of numbers from 1 to 21, without any duplicates, and giving the number of long drawn out, according to how well two and nine, so as to permit of the gems left in the casket by the thief as the players were matched, anywhere so remote from New York as Kentucky.

Foreign exchanges report the death of Dr. Joseph Tolosa Y. Carreras of Barcelona, the well known Spanish composer. lona, the well known Spanish composer. they bid royal spades.

During a recent tourney, played at the Doctors' Club at Moscow, Russia, the following game was contested between the Russian youthful player Alechine in law 10 or what the against the amateur Grinberg

The distribution of the cards is as ticipated the take out by Z and asked for a lead, bidding three dubs.

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P. D. Harold E. P. D. Jennings. White. Hisck. White. Hisck. White. Hisck. 17 Kt. Kt3 Kt. Kt4. 2 Kt. Kt3 Kt. Kt4. 2 Kt. Kt5. P. QK3 Kt Kt Kt4. 19 H. Kt. 19 H PrP 28 QxR Q B QB4 29 Q Q1 BxKt 30 R Rsch R T. one spade, and was not doubled. If D. W. doubled it would be worth 54 toward COUNTER CENTRE GAMBIT.

HxB P=QR4 PxR R=R2 PxP KR=R

Entries for Rice memorial interional tourney:

PROBLEM NO. 670. NO MOTTO. Black-12 pieces.



White to play and mate in three moves. PROBLEM NO. 671. NO MOTTO.



White to play and mate in two moves SOLUTION TO PROBLEM NO. 688. 1. R-R5. &c. (cook by 1. R-K4 ch.)

Prof. Charles F. Johnson, Hartford,

SCHOOL FOR CARD PLAYERS.

Auction Bridge, F. W. M. says: We have a tournament in which fourteen couples entered, every pair to play once against every other pair, and the higher against every other pair, and the score to be credited. Through some de-lay several pairs were unable to finish. What should be done with their scores and the scores made against them?

That matter should have been provided for before the tournament began, tion of Harry F. Lee of Chicago, secre- as it is inevitable in all tournaments that are not finished in one sitting. The usual way is to insist on substitutes the masters were much disappointed that the negotiations between Boris Kostic and J. W. Showalter for a match that is very unsatisfactory if the newcomers are poor players, as those who are still to play against that couple have Friends of A. Kupchik, the New York a greater chance to make large gains. If State champion and champion of the Manhattan Chess Club as well, have stated that they have sufficient confi-

was broached to him by one of his friends on Thursday, Kupchik stated that he was ready and willing to contest the form of auction that conformed to a match with Showalter on terms to be the latest official rules, in which the

This is a defect in the present code that attention has repeatedly been called to. Laws 48 and 48a : ould have followed law 8 in the section headed "Scoring" instead of being buried in the section headed "The Declaration," where no one would think of looking for them. C. E. A. says: Up here in Beaver Lake we are informed that doubling and

redoubling have been done away Is this official?? Never heard of it. Doubling and res doubling are becoming the most important parts of the bidding. I S L says: A bets that the bidder gets 50 for every trick he makes over his contract, so that if he bids one spade and makes three he scores 100,

extra. The theory is that this 50 extra forces the opponents to bid a player up.

Hack. game and 150 in honors, hesides honors as actually held. L. C. H. says: No score, dealer bide to trump, A basses, Y says two hearts and B three clubs. Dealer doubles three clubs and again A passes. Should Y bid three hearts, holding six to the ten, four spades to the acc, three small diamonds and no clubs? His reason for so doing is the original no trump bid and the doubled club bid.

Y should have let the double slone His partner refuses to assist the hearts and indicates that he can win several club tricks, so that Y's hearts will not be wanted for that suit. The danger in going to three hearts is that all the hearts may be in A's hand. It must have been a very slim no trumper.

Auction Pinochle. O. D. says: Four playing partnership game. A and B are 990 on the slate: Y and Z 800. The bid is 20 by Y, and they make it, but not before A and B have made game. The bidders have the first count and

they are out they win, no matter what their opponents get. This is necessary in order en teduca platers to bid.